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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of David F. Bliss et al

Application Serial No. 10/083,613

Filed: 26 February 2002

For: FORMING IMPROVED METAL NITRIDES

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington D. C. 20231

Sir:

## Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated 7-8-03, finally rejecting claims 1-14, in the above identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered since it places the application in condition for allowance, or in better form for appeal.

Accordingly, applicants pending claims are as listed below.